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WITH OTHER EDITORS

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR NEEDS TO B STREAMLINED

(From Atlanta Journal)

Secretary Krug's resignation from his post as Secretary of the Interior takes from government one of its ablest young administrators. The big, affable cabinet officer is only 41 years old. He is represented as having quit both for financial reasons and because a period of frustration at having to tighten his department's budget while the nation's expenditures for defense continue to mount. For example, the sum allocated him for administering the entire territory of Alaska this year was $85,000,000. The Army, concurrently, gets $137,029,000 for the construction of new housing there.

Although the god of war will continue to hog the tax dollar for some time to come, at the expense of more constructive uses, Mr. Krug's action throws the spotlight on a vast, sprawling agency of government that is grievously in need of reorganization. The Department has grown like Topsy since Zachary Taylor appointed the first secretary in 1849. Many of its functions overlap with those of Agriculture and the Army Corps of Engineers. Subagencies accumulated through the years like barnacles upon an ancient ship. When the Hoover Commission made its study recently, it recommended a thorough overhauling of the unwieldy domain to which Mr. Krug, through no fault of his own, had been heir.

Unfortunately the Hoover Commission was badly split when it came to specific recommendations. The majority urged an all-out streamlining, transfer of the Bureau of Land Management to Agriculture, and the addition of certain construction and community service functions, notably the flood control duties now handled by the Army Engineers. An impressive minority, headed by Dean Acheson, emphasized the Department's traditional role in the conservation of natural resources. They argued for a new name— "Department of Natural Resources"— with corresponding functions. Two members of Congress on the Commission, Sen. John L. McClellan of Arkansas and Rep. Carter Manasco of Texas, voiced bitter opposition to the proposal that dams, rivers and harbors be taken from control of Army Engineers.

But nobody on the Hoover Commission, whatever his opinion as to the remedy, appears to have thought the Department of the Interior well organized as it stands today. At this time when nearly half the nation's budget goes for defense purposes, it is imperative that wastage and duplication be sheared from the agencies guarding the home front. Mr. Krug's successor will be Oscar L. Chapman, the present Undersecretary. He has the reputation of being capable and progressive. His career in the cabinet may well be of historic importance, if during his tenure, the Department of the Interior gets the reorganization that it so obviously needs.

WITH ALL HASTE

(From Milwaukee Journal)

Thomas Edison hated formal dinners which were always stuffy affairs to him. One night, at a particularly dull gathering, he decided to sneak away and return to his laboratory.

As he was pacing back and forth near the door, waiting for an opportune moment to escape, his host came up to him.

"Well, if it isn't Mr. Edison," he said. "It certainly is a delight to see you. What are you working on now?"

"My exit," replied the inventor, amazed at his own boldness.

As there's the chance the boss will fail and be unable to pay the pension, a logical next step would be to pension the business. —From Hartford, Conn., Courant.

Atlas is said to have held up the world in ancient days. Uncle Sam may be holding the bag for holding so many countries.

The succulent Chesapeake Bay oyster is near extinction, due solely to the greed of fishermen. Thus a pig is wholly justified in saying to its young, "Don't be people." -From Washington Evening Star.

LEHMAN'S VICTORY

(From Winchester Star)

Was Herbert H. Lehman's victory over John Foster Dulles for the United States Senatorship from New York a conclusive victory for the Truman Administration? Mr. Lehman, four times governor and twice lieutenant-governor, is an experienced, shrewd campaigner. Mr. Dulles, a political novice, was appointed to the Senate last summer by Governor Dewey to fill Senator Wagner's unexpired term. Never had he campaigned before nor did he have knowledge of practical politics. Rural up-state New York gave Mr. Dulles a clear majority of 625,000 votes; New York City, however, gave Governor Lehman a majority of 785,000—and the Senatorship by a majority of 160,000, out of more than five million votes cast. A hard-fought election for Mayor of New York City had a great deal to do with the tremendous vote polled in that city, without which Mr. Lehman would have been hard-pressed to overcome the up-state Republican lead.

On the surface, it was an important victory for the Truman Administration; a closer analysis indicates, however, that pivotal New York is about evenly divided, and is not "in the bag" for anybody.

Bus overturns on Route 1; seven are injured.

Sag in hog prices may affect beef and poultry.

Winged Visitor to Chicago Surprises Ornithologists

CHICAGO—A winged visitor to Chicago sent members of the city's ornithological society scurrying to their reference books. What they found there was hard to believe, but seven of them verified that they had seen a large-billed tern, a native of South America's inland rivers.

Emmett R. Blake, assistant curator of birds at the Chicago natural history museum, reported the closest a large-billed tern ever got to Chicago before was some years ago when one was spotted in the West Indies.

The species is a water bird, about 15 inches long, with a heavy chrome-yellow bill, olive feet and legs, and a square tail.

Car Owner Has Long Run Of Strange Misfortunes

NEW YORK.—Ed Roberts needed a change of luck after these things happened:

1. Vandals stripped the mirrors, hubcaps and spotlights from his convertible.

2. A pickpocket lifted $500 from him in a subway.

3. His brother got a ticket for speeding in Buffalo, N. Y., had a flat tire and smashed his fender.

4. His sister was caught in a jammed elevator and rescued by firemen.

5. Driving her home from the hospital, after a serious illness, Robert's convertible top suddenly functioned when a sudden rainstorm broke.

Aviator Injured Holding Back Pilotless Plane

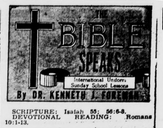
NEW YORK.—A young aviator was injured when he seized the tail of his runaway plane and managed to stop it from taking off without a pilot from Staten Island airport.

Arthur Serota, 26, of Corona, N. Y., said he was cranking the propeller of his two seat monoplane when its passenger, a 19 year old girl, accidentally pushed the throttle and the plane started to take off.

Serota grabbed the tail of the plane as it went by and attempted to hold it on the runway. He was dragged along the ground for several minutes before the plane came to a halt.

He suffered bruises, a cerebral concussion and a possible fractured shoulder.

Police hunt fifth person in gem theft case.



SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 55; 56:6-8. DEVOTIONAL READING: Romans 10:5-13.

God's Open House

Lesson for November 20, 1949

IT IS A WARM chapter, this 55th of Isaiah. Some false ideas about God melt away fast when they are brought close to it. Let us take a look at some of these notions and see how they wilt in the light of God's word. Sometimes these notions are held sincerely, sometimes they are mere excuses to keep from facing God. One of these mistaken notions is the idea that God has two lists; one is a list of people on whom he intends to have mercy, and will save; the other list being a private one, of those on whom he intends to have no mercy and will not save. If your name is on the first list, fine; but if it is on the second list, you are in a hopeless fix; for if God is not going to help you, who can?

Dr. Foreman

This is a terribly wrong notion. It confuses the true God with some sort of sultan in the sky who has a "social register" of persons he will admit to his palace. "Use this invitation as your card of admittance." No. It is not at all like that.

If you really think that admission to heaven is by card only, then cut out Isaiah 55 and present it at the gate. Cut out any verse in the Bible that says "Whosoever,"—John 3:16 for example—and present that. God keeps open house, he does not employ butlers or strong-arm men to keep out the crowds, he wants all to come who will. Do you want God? Then come. Are you thirsty for the living water? Then drink. It is as simple as that.

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No Waiting

THERE IS ANOTHER notion that keeps people away from God. It is a kind of shyness. It is the feeling that maybe it isn't any use hunting for God. It is the feeling a boy has when he is lost in the woods and has about made up his mind that there is no use in walking any more, he will just sit down and wait till somebody finds him.

It is the feeling that God may be sensitive and doesn't want people coming bothering him. It is the notion that if God wants me, he will knock me down and drag me where he wants me to be. A man with a notion like that, of course, isn't likely to meet with God.

He spends his life paying God no attention whatever, not even thinking about him, perhaps. He may even go as far as he can from the Father's house, believing that God's long arm, like the long arm of the F.B.I. or the Mounties, will reach after him and get him in case God ever wants him.

Now this is a ridiculous idea and a bad one too. Isaiah would not think it true for a minute. "Seek ye the Lord," he says. "Call on God . . . return to the Lord." "Incline your ear and come!" This means you—if you will. But if you won't, God will not force you. He forces no man. He wants willing obedience, loving service, not slavery. God will have no chain on you but the chain of love. God keeps an open house, not a prison farm.

No House Of Horrors

ANOTHER WRONG NOTION, for which, alas, many a church member is partly responsible, is the notion that the nearer we get to God, the gloomier we shall be. All the talk about sacrifice and suffering for others, such as we were thinking of last week, all the emphasis in the church on the death of Christ, all the solemnity of most church services, make people think: "God may be all right for solemn people, but not for me; I like life with a smile."

Now that is just another mistaken notion. The very persons who know the deeper meanings of sacrifice are just the persons who don't like to use that word about themselves.

In fact, it could be said that in general it is only Christians who have a right to be gay. Jesus himself, on the same night in which he was betrayed, spoke to his friends about sharing his joy to the full.

Isaiah 55 is certainly no invitation to gloom. Joy, peace, the clapping of hands are there. But how do we know Isaiah was right? There is only one way, and that is not to sit arguing about it. You never know what a party is like by staying at home.

Do you really want to find out what goes on there? Don't be content to hear others say; "It's wonderful!" God's door stands open.

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Leaves Tell Story

The leaves on corn plants tell whether the crop is well fed or starved. That can make a lot of difference at the harvest. For only well fed corn can produce high yields, well filled kernels and good quality ears.

Growers should take a little time to examine those corn leaves in the field. Healthy, well fed corn is a deep, dark green. Any other color spells trouble. It means that the corn plant is starving for one or more of the three plant nutrients—nitrogen, phosphate or potash.

Figure 1 in the illustration shows a typical case of nitrogen hunger. The signs show first at the tip then spread to the midrib of the lower leaves. The middle of the leaf turns yellow and dies.

Figure 2 illustrates potash starvation. It shows on the tips and edges of the leaves. These turn yellow and later look scorched. Corn hungry for potash has weak roots and stalks. It lodges easily. Plant starvation signs can appear at any stage of the corn's growth.

Barn Hay Driers Attract Attention of Many Farmers

Barn hay driers have been attracting a lot of attention recently and many farmers are reported thinking of installing equipment in order to assure themselves of higher-quality hay.

Usually any information desired on techniques or equipment for this work can be obtained from the local county farm agent, or from extension service specialists at the various state universities.

Secretary Acheson is welcomed in new West German State at Bonn.

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Research Plan Opens New Fight On Schizophrenia

NEW YORK—A comprehensive research program and important new discoveries are helping mankind's conquest of schizophrenia, it has been made public by Dr. William D. C. Lewis, field director of the study of the mental ailment being made by the supreme council of the Scottish Rites Masons at a cost of $750,000.

The all-inclusive study, believed to be the first of its kind, was mapped up by Dr. Lewis as offering many of the missing pieces of the puzzle that is schizophrenia. The mental disorder known as schizophrenia is like a gigantic jigsaw puzzle with pieces missing," he said. "However, many of them have been found and fitted together and the missing ones are coming fewer."

Study Infants

The researchers struck at schizophrenia from all possible directions. They studied the infant, the nursery child, the adolescent and the adult. They looked at the parents, especially the mothers, of schizophrenics, and at the children of schizophrenic parents. They tried to find the answer to the "question: What type of person is likely to develop schizophrenia?"

They studied the effect of physical treatment, such as shock and surgery on patients, and of psychological treatment, such as group therapy. They analyzed what bodily changes took place during the illness.

The projects, plus the 226 articles, monographs and books that they helped to finance, were described as representing a program that isolated the illness and brought all the principal issues into a clear focus."

The seriousness of this illness is shown by the fact that "in the civilian population each year thousands of unsuspecting souls are struck down suddenly by the living death known as schizophrenia. Such is particularly cruel because the victims are often children and adolescents."

Terrifying Thought

The mentally ill now occupy more than 50 per cent of the nation's hospital beds and schizophrenia accounts for the largest percentage of those who are mentally ill, he pointed out.

It is terrifying that we have been able to predict that next year many thousands of persons will start their weary march to the mental hospitals and that we are helpless to halt them and in most cases to help them."

We have not known why certain people break down in the struggle to survive in this uncertain world—why they must literally 'go out of their wits' to escape its pain."

The groundwork for the program was laid down fifteen years ago by Dr. Lewis, who visited more than 100 laboratories, hospitals and other scientific centers and read hundreds of scientific papers, after which he wrote a book called "Research in Dementia Praecox" (now known as schizophrenia).

Sells Three Acres Land In Bridgewater Township

SOMERVILLE, N. J. — Three acres of land are lost on either side of Mountain or Second Mountain in the Watchung range, officials of Bridgewater township believe, since taxes are paid on the plot every year although no one knows where it is.

William H. Cunningham, township engineer, dug up an old description that seemed to indicate that the Shangri-La might be part of the old Teebler property.

"Trouble is," he said, "that the Teeblers departed long ago, leaving no heirs, assigns or successor. The taxes were one of the old first ones around here and they had a large holding. This three acres was probably part of it, but I don't know which part. Can't seem to find out, either."

Several taxes have been paid on the three acres for the last three years and the present owners are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hall of Astoria, L. I. They started the Bridgewater Township committee on a search for the land by saying that they would like to look after all these years.

James J. Cunningham, tax collector for the township, said his records showed that the property was owned by Walter Martini, care of Mrs. E. Mills, Astoria. Collector Cunningham, unrelated to Engineer Cunningham, said Mr. Martini was the first husband of the present Mrs. Mills. The tract measures only 1,400 feet, but the deed gives a "place of beginning." The deed was executed in 1908.

Part of the last few years the township has been trying to get up a good map, without making much headway. If the missing three acres is not located by the time the map is finished, it may turn up eventually through the elimination of other identified property. Collector Cunningham said that might take a long time, though. He expects to continue levying taxes on the land until he tries to find it.

Oakville

Oakville, Nov. 15.- Mr. Raymond Martin has been sick for the past week. We hope he can soon be well again.

Mr. and Mrs. Brumfield and family, from West Virginia are spending some time with therr relatives, Johnnie and Charlie Hall. They are going to move to the place formerly owned by Robert Doss. We welcome them to our community.

Mrs. Fannie Wooten and daughter are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bass. Mrs. Bass is sick at this time. We wish that she might soon be well again.

All of Mr. C. F. Drinkard's children and grandchildren except Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Drinkard and children visited him and enjoyed his birthday dinner with him and his family at his home last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Cox and son, of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Rogers Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. E. B. Martin is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr., at Appomattox this week.

Pfc. Richard E. Smith, Jr., of Langley Field spent last week-end at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hamilton spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Lucado and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moore and family visited in the home of Mrs. J. C. Moore Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Martin and boys, of Spout Spring were visitors here also.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Williams and children, Carroll and Andrew, of Goode; Mr. and Mrs. David Martin, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. Hial Moore and children.

Stonewall

Stonewall, Nov. 15.- Our community was visited by a thunder storm Sunday night. the rain was surely welcomed as the ground was getting to hard to plow.

The Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Hughes and daughter have returned home after attending the General Association of Virginia Baptists last week in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Tomzie Bondurant and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant on last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette visited their new grandson in Lynchburg last week. He and his mother are doing fine. His name is James Rufus Burnette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burnette.

All the children of Clarence Drinkard met at his home last Sunday to celebrate his birthday. We wish him many more happy days.

Miss Rachel Chick and Joe Stephenson, of Portsmouth spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick. They all were the supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard Saturday night, in honor of Rachel Chick's birthday.

The W. S. C. S. of the Bethel Church will meet in the home of Mrs. C. D. Carson tonight.

The W. M. U. of Hebron Church met at the church on last Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jobe and family, of Gladstone were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes last Saturday.

Mrs. S. E. Anderson. Mrs. Martin Kraus and Miss Verna Harding are going to spend Wednesday in Lynchburg with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Russell and son, of Richmond spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Rev. G. E. Hughes will preach at Hebron Church on next Sunday night. A welcome to everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson visited Mr. Anna Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Tilton Lee Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beard and Mrs. Vinton Eperley and two children, of Cherry Point, N. C., are visiting their mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard.

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